

RMP Program Update

Resource Management Plans

***A Voluntary Approach
to Agricultural Certainty***

Cost-Share Annual
Training Events
2016

2016 CB and Southern Rivers Contracts for RMP Development

- **Chesapeake Bay**
\$120,000
- **Outside Chesapeake Bay**
\$100,000
(right now, Peanut, Chowan, Eastern Shore, James River, and somewhere in NRV)

RMP Cost-Share for 2017

- Cost-share funds are available for both RMP Development (RMP-1) and RMP Implementation (RMP-2) for program year 2017. The RMP cost-share set-aside includes both practices statewide. The set-aside totals just over \$200,000. If all state set-aside funds have been used, the application may be funded using the District's cost-share allocation.

Voluntary BMPs

- Specs in '17 manual

Operational Support Reimbursement Requests

- Will continue, until all remaining funds are spent
- due quarterly, next report due July 15

Budget template

The RMP section is broken into 2 parts: forecasted RMPs to be reviewed and forecasted RMPs to be inspected. The instructions contain much more detail and advise to use the RMP timelog to help determine the time associated with plan review and inspection.

stream school

- DCR has planned to provide a stream school to teach a stream determination protocol to SWCD.
- Simplified protocol and one to be used OCB

stream determination statement

- Regarding options for a Technical Review Committee (TRC) to verify stream perenniality, DCR **previously stated** that SWCD TRCs could request RMP revisions at any time if the TRC found evidence to disagree with a RMP Developer's stream perenniality determination. **This has changed.**

stream determination statement

The Office of the Attorney General stated that **perennial stream determinations for RMPs can be contested only during the RMP review process.** Revision of an RMP, after initial approval, cannot be required by a SWCD Board or TRC on the basis of evidence discovered after initial RMP approval, that the earlier stream determination was incorrect.

COIA

In any case it is suggested that the officer/employee consult with their own legal counsel.

local program review

- schedule should be announced at the VASWCD Annual Meeting
- reviews to begin in 'FY18
- program review document in development

program review checklist

- Currently being updated/revised
- Presented at Annual Meeting

RMP Module User Roles

- Assigned to attendees of recent TRC/RMP module trainings
- Need 1 (suggest 2) users in each District

Updated FAQ

- Coming soon
- Updates will be highlighted

RMP Update Bulletin

**RMP PROGRAM
REVISIONS**

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Read about funding for new RMPs
- How resources are available for SWCDs to advance the RMP program
- Participate in TRC conference calls

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SUMMER 2014

Status of 2014 CB RMP Development Contracts

Plans are pouring in! Contracts were issued in December 2014 to several private RMP developers for the development of RMPs.

In December, contracts totaling \$472,640 were issued for the development of 274 plans in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. This workload included plans to be submitted to 19 Bay SWCDs.

To date, as of the beginning of June, there are

over 150 contracted plans in the module in various phases, including assessment, development, and review.

In June, DCR will be utilizing the production version of the module with a redaction that may slightly impact the workload that was originally provided to an individual SWCD.

Although District staff with TRC user roles will receive e-mail notification when a plan has been submitted to their District for review, those SWCD staff may log in at any time and determine whether plans are under development within their District.

Districts who expect to receive RMPs associated with this grant should be receiving submitted RMPs on or very close to the schedules that they received from RMP developers.

RMP Module User Roles

Any SWCD staff who attended the RMP Module TRC training events (either the events in March in Culpeper and Williamsburg or the trainings that followed Conservation Planning training in April and May) has been assigned a TRC user role in the production version of the module. TRC users may log into the module using their current Tracking Program user name and password. TRC permissions have been added to their existing login. This user role will allow the user access to the system for the purpose of TRC review. Users with this role will receive e-mail notifications when a plan has been submitted to their SWCD for review.

This user role will not allow creation or editing of an RMP. Plans can only be created or edited by certified RMP Developers who have either a "Private RMP Developer" or "District RMP Developer" user role. Any person who does not currently have necessary access should send a request to Barbara McGarry.

TRC Conference Calls

4th Mondays monthly

Time: 10:00—11:00

Call-in #: TBA



www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil_and_water/rmp.shtml

